



Fact Sheet



THE NEED INCREASES

- One in four Michigan citizens is uninsured or on Medicaid.¹
- Between 2001 and 2006 the number of uninsured citizens (under the age 65) has grown by more than 74,000.
- Between 2001 and 2007 the number of citizens on Medicaid has grown by nearly 423,000.
- The number of Michigan small businesses providing health insurance to employees decreased by 3% between 2000 and 2004.²

BLUE CROSS CASH RESERVES INCREASE

- Blue Cross reserves doubled to \$2.8 billion between 2001 and 2006.

BLUE CROSS SALARIES INCREASE

- Blue Cross increased the compensation for its officers by 42% between 2004 and 2006.
- The president of Blue Cross – Michigan's compensation rose by more than 130% between 2003 and 2006, from \$1.8 million a year to more than \$4.253 million a year.

BLUE CROSS RATES INCREASE

- Premiums for individuals have increased 79% from 2003 through 2007.
- Premiums for group conversion³ have increased 92% from 2003 through 2007.
- Blue Cross sought a 50% hike in Medigap premiums for seniors in 2007.
 - The Attorney General fought this and decreased the premium hike to 19%, saving Michigan's seniors over \$97.5 million dollars initially, and \$69 million per year thereafter.

¹ The data in this segment is from three sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Table HIA-6: Health Insurance Coverage Status & Type of Coverage by State (Michigan); Michigan Department of Human Services, Key Statistics Tables for FY 2001 & 2007, Table 12: Medicaid Eligibility; and <http://www.statehealthfacts.org/profileind.jsp?ind=125&cat=3&rgn=24>

² U.S. Department of Health & Human Services: Medical Expenditure Panel Survey

³ Definition of Group Conversion: Process by which members who are no longer enrolled though a group may obtain individual coverage, paying premiums directly though to the plan.